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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LOW-INCOME ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-41b of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) There shall be a Low-Income Energy Advisory Board which shall
4 consist of the following members: [The Secretary of the Office of Policy
5 and Management or the secretary's designee; the Commissioner of
6 Social Services or the commissioner's designee;] the executive director
7 of the Commission on Aging; a representative of each electric and gas
8 public service company designated by each such company; [the
9 chairperson of the Department of Public Utility Control or a
10 commissioner of the Department of Public Utility Control designated
11 by the chairperson;] the Consumer Counsel or the counsel's designee;
12 the executive director of Operation Fuel; the executive director of
13 Infoline; the director of the Connecticut Local Administrators of Social
14 Services; the executive director of Legal Assistance Resource Center of
15 Connecticut; the Connecticut president of AARP; a designee of the
16 Norwich Public Utility; a designee of the Connecticut Petroleum

17 Dealers Association; and a representative of the community action
 18 agencies administering energy assistance programs under contract
 19 with the Department of Social Services, designated by the Connecticut
 20 Association for Community Action. The Secretary of the Office of
 21 Policy and Management, the Commissioner of Social Services and the
 22 chairperson of the Public Utilities Control Authority, or their
 23 designees, shall serve as non voting ex-officio members of the board.

24 (b) The Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall advise and assist
 25 [the Office of Policy and Management and] the Department of Social
 26 Services in the planning, development, implementation and
 27 coordination of energy-assistance-related programs and policies and
 28 low-income weatherization assistance programs and policies, shall
 29 advise the Department of Public Utility Control regarding the impact
 30 of utility rates and policies, and shall make recommendations to the
 31 General Assembly regarding legislation and plans subject to legislative
 32 approval to ensure affordable access to residential energy services to
 33 low-income state residents.

34 (c) [The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
 35 person designated by the secretary pursuant to subsection (a) of this
 36 section shall be the chairperson of the board.] The members of the
 37 board shall elect a chair and a vice chair from among its members
 38 annually.

39 (d) The [Secretary of] Low-Income Energy Advisory Board shall be
 40 within the Office of Policy and Management [shall convene the first
 41 meeting of the board not later than August 1, 2005. The secretary shall
 42 provide notice of meetings to the members of Low-Income Energy
 43 Advisory Board, provide space for such meetings, maintain minutes
 44 and publish reports of the board] for administrative purposes only.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	16a-41b

Statement of Purpose:

To make certain state official ex-officio members of the Low Income Energy Advisory Board.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]